


REMARKS

In the instant Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to more specifically describe the embodiment depicted in Fig. 3. Claims 1-7 have been cancelled and claims 8-15 have been amended. New claims 16-27 have been added to more accurately describe the embodiments of the invention. In particular, independent claim 8 has been amended to remove extraneous numerical designations more properly set forth in the specification, as well as to provide proper antecedent basis for the top end of the strap element. New independent claims 16 and 22 have also been added.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the claims as amended herein, and early notice of allowance of the same.

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